

I am 83 years old and live in Canterbury Woods, a life care retirement home in Pacific Grove, California. Our cable service is presently being changed to Comcast broadband service.

At the present time most Canterbury Internet users sign up with one of several available Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and they access the Internet through a personal telephone line which they pay for themselves.

We have been advised that Comcast will soon be offering, for a fee, high speed Internet access to residents. This could possibly help us financially because we could then drop our present ISPs and our personal phone lines.

Our monthly fees paid to Canterbury Woods include phone service that is adequate for everything except internet use. That's the positive side.

The negative side is that we will all be forced to use Comcast's ISP since, by your ruling, cable companies are exempt from making their lines available to other ISPs. That means, as I understand it, that Comcast can raise its rates to any amount it pleases since there will be no competition.

This restrictive FCC ruling has been overturned by a Federal Court whose action should result in competition among ISPs and lower prices for high speed Internet access. However, Michael Powell has ordered your lawyers to appeal the court's ruling.

Do you really think you are being fair to us, the consumers? Please reconsider this.